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Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman
Select Committee on Assassinations
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13 October 1978, which we have classified Secret. It would be appreciated if you would mark your copy of the letter accordingly and give it appropriate handling.

I would like to commence by stating that you have been misadvised about what Agency files disclose. Further, while the statements in Mr. Scott's draft manuscript would be disturbing, if reliable, they are judged by Agency personnel to be inaccurate in important respects. As he is deceased, he cannot be questioned to clarify the basis for his draft statements. The record provides the basis for judging them.

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I must add my concern to that expressed by you, although the concern is not over whether CIA has provided all available information in response to your requests. We believe that the record is clear that: (1) information on Oswald's visits to the Cuban and Soviet facilities in Mexico City first came from CIA; (2) that CIA coverage established both the schedule of these contacts, and the means for verifying them; (3) that as there was no photographic coverage of the installations that he entered, at the time that he entered them, there could be no pictures. The records of this are quite clear, and have been made available to your investigators. My concern is that members of your staff, despite clear evidence to the contrary, seem to adhere to their initial working hypothesis that there was some connection between CIA and Oswald (there was none) and that CIA suppressed evidence of Oswald's comings and goings in Mexico City. Agency files and the recollections of those we have interviewed who are or were familiar with the detail, make it clear that there

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was no CIA-Oswald tie, and that there has been no suppression by CIA of evidence on Oswald's visit to Mexico City.

As for Mr. Scott's statements, we believe these later recollections on his part to be very much in error. They certainly are inconsistent with information given by him in Mexico City to the FBI and the Warren Commission, and reported by his Station to CIA Headquarters.

I can only reiterate that the records are remarkably complete. We do not consider them to be inconsistent; when read objectively and thoroughly they convey a clear and direct story.

I believe this letter presents the question in the proper perspective, both factually and in terms of understanding it. I am sure you agree with me that these exchanges are useful, and I am especially appreciative of the opportunity to address this one at this time instead of at the very end when presumably there will be numerous questions.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner
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